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**REQUEST FOR
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: **Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.**
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
 - ii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed:

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
 - b. Other _____
3. Fees

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The filing fee is calculated as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for (three months) \$840.00 (difference between first and third month Extension fee -- \$110.00 for first month paid 2/23/04) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$1610.00 enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. 	04/22/2004 HUUONG1 00000036 09661916 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP \$840.00
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